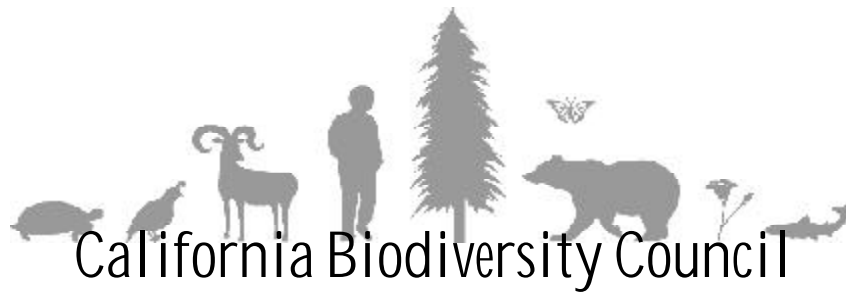


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SEPTEMBER 2003

TO: CBC MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: MARY D. NICHOLS, CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY;
MIKE POOL, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING—OCT. 22-23

We have the pleasure to announce the upcoming meeting of the California Biodiversity Council to be held in Sacramento on Thursday, October 23, 2003. This one-day meeting will focus on local watershed management efforts in California. A half-day field trip will precede the meeting on October 22, 2003 so that participants may observe and discuss a local watershed planning process. The afternoon field trip will be accompanied by a dinner at Sloughhouse Inn south of Sacramento. If you cannot attend the field trip, please feel free to join the group for dinner at the Inn.

Wednesday's field trip will feature the Mokelumne River watershed, an excellent example of a local, watershed-level project. Issues of concern for this watershed are land ownership and land use practices, timber harvesting and its effects on the river and water quality, and the watershed as a source of water for consumption and energy production. A no-host social period, dinner and speaker program will follow the afternoon's tour activities.

On the morning of Thursday, October 23 we will come together for a meeting on watershed management in California. The Council meeting will begin by bringing members up to date on the status of watershed efforts in the state. Following this briefing will be two panels of agencies, NGOs and watershed group representatives to discuss ways to coordinate and improve government programs to support local needs.

The meeting agenda and reservation forms are enclosed. We request confirmation of attendance to the field trip, dinner and meeting as well as meal reservations and payment. The deadline for meeting registration is **October 8, 2003**. Due to the local nature of the meeting, no formal hotel blocks have been made; please consult the agenda for lodging suggestions. However, the field trip will depart from the

Holiday Inn, Capitol Plaza. Please contact Lauren McNees, Communications Coordinator, with any questions (916.227.2661, lauren.mcnees@fire.ca.gov).

With the continuing budget constraints, it is more important than ever to work with each other across boundaries. Please identify any services that your organization provides to local watershed groups and be ready to share with the Council. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity for discussion as well as a chance to look at practices at a watershed level.

Sincerely yours,



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Secretary for Resources
California Resources Agency



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State Director, California
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